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October 12, 2007

The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor, State of California
State Capitol, First Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: **SB 990 (Kuehl): Cleanup of Santa Susana Field Laboratory
Property**

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

I am very grateful to hear that you will sign my SB 990 which would prohibit the transfer of the Santa Susana Field Laboratory (SSFL) property unless it is cleaned up as specified in the bill. The cleanup of this property is needed to protect the health of residents in the adjacent communities.

In the time after the bill was enrolled, I was informed that the Boeing Company (Boeing) is willing to sign a Letter of Intent (LOI) regarding transfer of the property to the State, following extensive cleanup, approved by the State, for park, recreational or open-space use. The LOI, which would also be signed by the State, would outline the elements of a legally binding land transfer agreement, to be developed and entered into by Boeing and the State, which would include the following key requirements:

- 1) Boeing would be required to clean up the SSFL Property, prior to transfer to the State, to levels set in a manner described in the LOI, which would be approved by the State and acceptable for residential use, and which would protect individuals living in the vicinity of the property; and
- 2) The property could not be used in the future for agricultural, residential, commercial, industrial or other uses, except for park, recreational or open-space uses.

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I recognize that, following your signature on the bill and the mutual signatures on the LOI, cleanup legislation will be necessary to allow the transfer to the State as outlined in the LOI. I, therefore, agree to the following:

- 1) I will carry and work to pass cleanup legislation in 2008 to amend SB 990 on an urgency- or majority-vote basis in order to allow the transfer to the State of the SSFL property under a legally-binding written agreement consistent with the terms of the LOI (please see the attached proposed cleanup language); and
- 2) Stand with you and Boeing representatives at a press conference where we would jointly announce the agreement to develop a legally binding land-use agreement, and commend Boeing's role in the development of the LOI.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



Sheila James Kuehl
Senator, 23rd District

Attachment

cc: Ms. Susan Kennedy
Mr. Dan Dunmoyer
Mr. Chris Kahn
Ms. Linda Adams